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Does your university as a body have programmes or initiatives to assist students who fall into the bottom 20% of household income group (or a more tightly defined target) in the country to successfully complete their studies?

University anti-poverty programmes

Universiti Poly-Tech Malaysia (UPTM) actively participating in anti-poverty programs, aiming to make a significant impact in the community. UPTM has launched many programs aimed at fighting poverty, offering students and communities opportunities to learn new skills and improve their lives. Among the activities within the initiative are:

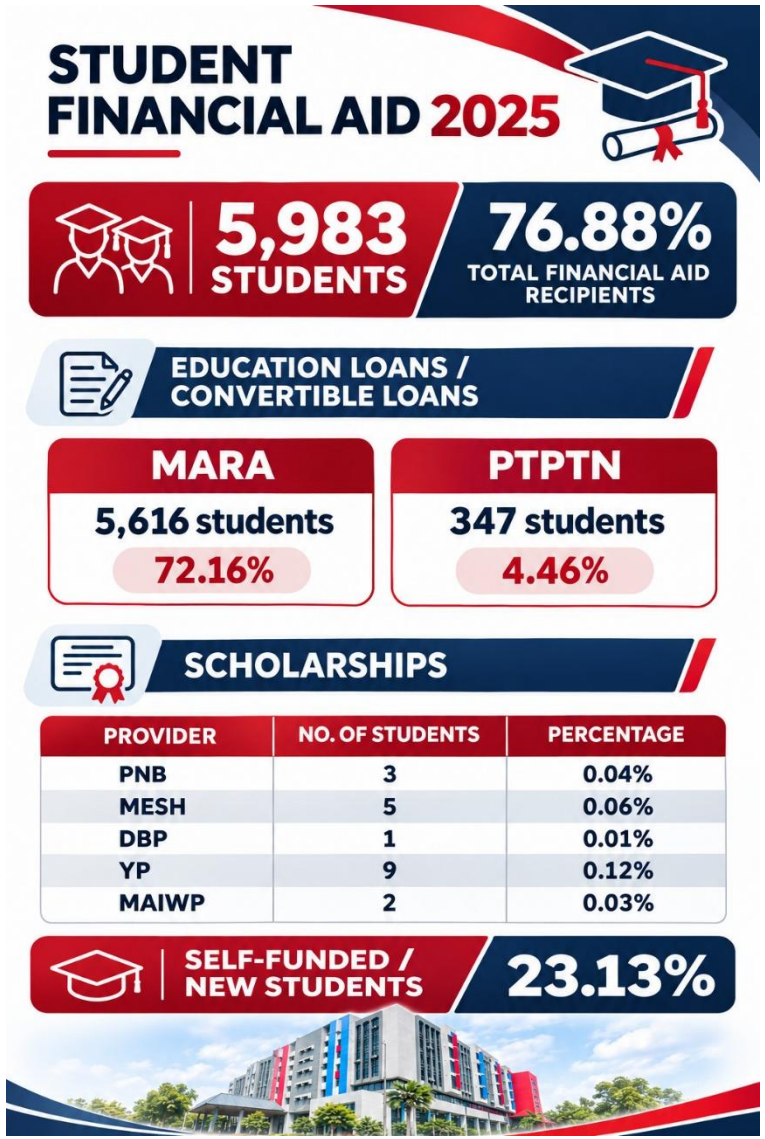
FINANCING/SPONSORSHIP

MAJLIS AMANAH RAKYAT (MARA)

MAJLIS AMANAH RAKYAT (MARA) provides Education Loan facilities to eligible Bumiputera students to continue their studies. MARA offers education loan applications in the form of convertible loans to undergraduate students for full-time studies at selected institutions of higher education (IPT) within the country, according to specific fields of study. The education of MARA is a continuous effort based on knowledge, technology and entrepreneurial values to develop holistic and balanced humans.

NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION FUND CORPORATION (PTPTN)

The PTPTN Education Loan Scheme was established for the purpose of providing educational loans to students pursuing studies at local Higher Education Institutions (IPT). This education loan will allow students to finance all or part of their tuition fees and living expenses throughout their period of study. The PTPTN education loan facility is open to students continuing their studies at local Public Higher Education Institutions (IPTA) and Private Higher Education Institutions (IPTS) only.



In 2025, 5,983 students at Universiti Poly-Tech Malaysia (UPTM) received financial aid through education loans, convertible loans and scholarships, representing 76.88% of the student population.

MARA was the largest financial aid provider, supporting 5,616 students (72.16%), followed by PTPTN, which supported 347 students (4.46%). These education loans and convertible loans formed the main source of financial assistance for students.

A further 20 students received scholarships from various providers: PNB supported three students, MESH supported five, DBP supported one, YP supported nine and MAIWP supported two. Meanwhile, 23.13% of students were classified as self-funded or new students.

The financial aid providers included Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), the MARA Education Sponsorship Hybrid (MESH) programme, Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP), Yayasan Peneraju (YP) and Majlis Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan (MAIWP).

- PNB-Permodalan Nasional Berhad. Permodalan Nasional Berhad
- MESH-MARA Education Sponsorship Hybrid Programme
- DBP-Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka. Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka
- YP-Yayasan Peneraju
- MAIWP-Majlis Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan

WAKAF MARA MADANI



Wakaf is a form of charity in Islam where wealth is given to specific recipients with a defined intention, intended to provide ongoing support for necessities, facilities, and economic development.

Wakaf KPTM has been rebranded as Wakaf MARA MADANI, itis an initiative to strengthen the socioeconomic position of the Bumiputera community. It emerged from the resolutions of the Bumiputera Economic Congress (KEB 2024) and was officially announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.a modern wakaf initiative that contributes to the development of education and the economic empowerment of the community.

Wakaf collections at KPTM will involve cash endowments from donors including KPTM & UPTM community members, KPTM & UPTM alumni, government and private organizations, and the public. Kolej Poly-Tech MARA (KPTM) has been approved to manage an Education Endowment (Wakaf Pendidikan) by the Federal Territory Islamic Religious Council (MAIWP) since November 8, 2018. This initiative aims to raise funds to provide necessities and facilities for needy students and staff, and to support educational programs based on Islamic Shariah principles at KPTM.



The initiative's primary objective is to serve as a catalyst for improving the socioeconomic well-being of the Bumiputera community through the sustainable use of waqf, or Islamic endowments.As of 18 March 2025, cash waqf contributions totalled RM51.6 million from 1,845 contributors.Established on 1 March 1966, MARA has also played a significant role in the socioeconomic development of the Bumiputera community.

ZAKAT UPTM

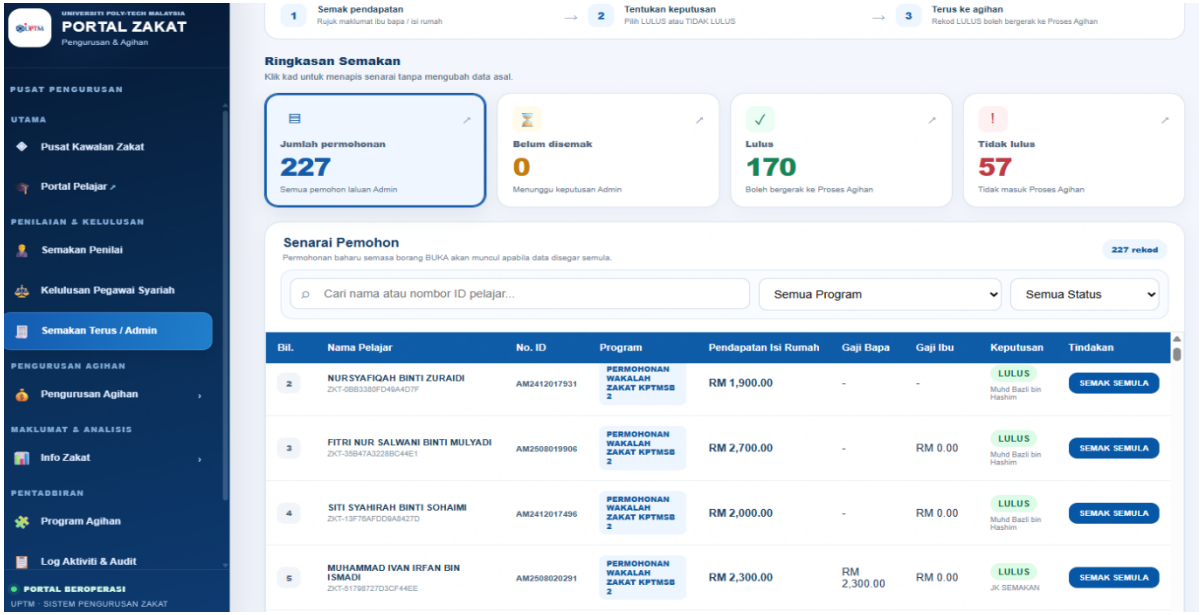


Zakat UPTM refers to the zakat programs and facilities provided for UPTM students, which include zakat assistance applications and digital zakat reference resources such as the AZKA Digital Corner. The UPTM Zakat Unit recorded RM843,000 in funds for 2025, comprising contributions from organisations and individuals, university zakat funds and the remaining balance from 2024. The assistance supported 2,092 student beneficiaries, helping to address financial needs and support access to education. MAIWP's Jom Balik Raya programme was the largest contributor, providing RM550,000, approximately 65.2% of total funds, and reaching 1,627 students.These contributions demonstrate the importance of collaboration in supporting student welfare.





Universiti Poly-Tech Malaysia (UPTM), through the Department of Student Affairs and Alumni (HEPA), is committed to supporting students from low-income and financially disadvantaged backgrounds. Through strategic collaboration with internal units and external agencies, UPTM provides financial, food and welfare assistance to help reduce students' financial burden and support their well-being throughout their studies. These initiatives are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 1: No Poverty, SDG 2: Zero Hunger, SDG 4: Quality Education, and SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, by promoting access to basic needs, financial support and equal opportunities for students to pursue and complete their education.



HEPA works closely with the Zakat Unit to support the welfare of students, particularly those from low-income backgrounds and students who are eligible for zakat assistance. The assistance provided includes living allowance assistance and tuition fee assistance, helping students meet their daily needs and manage the financial costs of pursuing their studies.

STUDENT'S INCENTIVES



Secure your future with UPTM's exciting Enrolment Incentive Programme designed to reward ambition and academic excellence.

Enjoy tuition fee exemptions, exclusive discounts, cash incentives, and special rewards for eligible students, including foundation graduates, diploma achievers, Borneo students, Huffaz students, and MARA/KPTM/UPTM/IPMA staff families.

From RM300 flight incentives to RM5,000 one-off rewards, every opportunity is created to support your educational journey and reduce financial burden.

Whether you are continuing your studies or starting a new chapter, UPTM provides the recognition, support, and value you deserve.

Take the next step towards a brighter future with confidence at Universiti Poly-Tech Malaysia.

UPTM HUFFAZ EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

UPTM invited individuals who had memorised all 30 juz' of the Quran to join its Huffaz Empowerment Programme, which aimed to support academic excellence, personal development and leadership potential. Applicants were required to have completed their memorisation and obtained a certificate of completion from their previous educational institution. A **one-off cash incentive of RM5,000** was offered to eligible students.



INCENTIVES FOR NEW ACCA STUDENTS

New ACCA students enrolling at UPTM for the December 2025 intake were offered **a RM1,000 fee discount OR free hostel accommodation for one semester**.

This incentive was introduced to ease students' transition into professional accounting studies at UPTM, an **ACCA Platinum Approved Learning Partner**. Students were supported through guidance from experienced lecturers, access to a modern learning environment and exposure to a wide range of career opportunities.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (BKOKU)



Eligible students with disabilities may apply for Bantuan Kewangan Orang Kurang Upaya (BKOKU) through the designated online application platform. Students are required to register an account and submit their application directly through the relevant website. Eligible applicants may receive financial assistance of up to RM3,100 per year, subject to the prevailing terms, conditions and approval by the relevant authority. UPTM provides guidance and support to students where necessary to facilitate the application process.